

**Amendment No. 3 to SB2957**

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As amended by inserting a new item in subsection (b) of the amendatory language of Section 12, immediately following item (5):

(6) By order of a court or administrative law judge in a proceeding involving sanctions or disciplinary actions against a caregiver or an entity accused of abuse, exploitation, fraud, neglect, or mistreatment, when it appears to such court or administrative law judge that the person making the report is or may be a witness to facts relevant to the proceeding.

AND FURTHER AMEND by adding the following to the end of the amendatory language of Section 32:

"If a mandatory pre-screening agent cannot examine the person within two (2) hours of the request to examine the person, then a licensed physician or a licensed psychologist with health service provider designation may examine the person and may provide one of the certificates if the physician or psychologist, in consultation with a member of a crisis response service designated by the commissioner to serve the county, determines that all available less drastic alternatives to placement in a hospital or treatment resource are unsuitable to meet the needs of the person."

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting Section 33 in its entirety and by substituting the following:

SECTION 33. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 33-6-106, is amended by deleting it entirety and substituting the following:

(a) If a mandatory pre-screening agent performs the initial evaluation of a person for admission and determines that the person does not meet admission criteria, the mandatory pre-screening agent shall assure that the person has alternative services available and offered if appropriate. The mandatory pre-screening agent shall contact the person within twelve (12) hours to determine outcome and complete follow-up as necessary. If the pre-screening is performed by a physician or psychologist as

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authorized by § 33-6-105, the crisis response service shall contact the person within twelve (12) hours to determine outcome and complete follow-up as necessary.

(b) Transportation to and admission of a person to a state-owned or operated hospital or treatment resource shall not begin until a mandatory pre-screening agent or physician or psychologist as authorized by Section 33-6-105 completes a certificate of need.

AND FURTHER AMEND by inserting the language ", or by a physician or psychologist as authorized by Section 33-6-105" immediately after the word "agent" at the end of the amendatory language of item (1) of Section 40.